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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper, and include both an attached set of replacement sheet and an attached set of annotated sheet showing changes to FIG. 8B.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figure is attached following page 4 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Figure 8B. The sheet labeled "8/9", which includes Figure 8B, replaces the original sheet labeled "8/9" including Figure 8B.

In FIG. 8B, "DISPLAY OF A JAPANESE ALPHABET LETTER PLATE" has been changed to "DISPLAY OF A JAPANESE ALPHABET LETTER TEMPLATE".

Attachments: Replacement set of drawing sheet (FIG. 8B)
Annotated sheet showing changes (FIG. 8B)